

in few Years 150000 *Arobes* of that Commodity, each *Arobe* containing 25 Bushels of our Measure; and here it is the *Brasil Wood* grows, whereof there are Trees of such bigness, that when the Rivers overflow, as frequently they do in the level Country, the Inhabitants dwell in the Branches of them, like Birds in their Nests, till the Waters abate.

The People in this Tract nearest the Line, are of a reasonable Understanding, wearing Apparel, but further off they are Barbarous, both Men and Women going stark naked, gladly eating Humane Flesh, insomuch that when they can privately catch any of the Christians, they Roast them, and invite all their Friends, feasting on the Flesh, with great Merriment; and here the Women are wonderful quick, and easie at Child-bearing, never lying by it, but in two or three days seem as well as ever: Beasts are found in this Tract of strange forms; one with the head of an Ape, the Body of a Man, and the feet and paws of a Lyon; a Plant they have called *Copiba*, the back of which being slit, affords a precious Balm, which is so well known by the Beasts of the Forrests, that when they have taken in any Poison, or are bit by Serpents or other Venemous Creatures, they fly to it for succour, as to a Sanctuary for Life, and by sucking in the Antidote, find a speedy Cure: An Herb they have, that being roughly touched, as in Modesty, shrinketh in its branching Leaves, and opens them not till the party who offends is gone out of sight. The People in this Tract, both Men and Women, are good Swimmers, and soused to Diving, that they will remain under Water an hour without respiration, and many of them are so over-grown with Hair, that they seem rather Beasts than Men; the Divisions of *Brasil* are *St. Vincent, Rio de Janeiro, Del Spiritu Santo, Porto Seguro, Des Ilheos, Todas Los Santos, Paraguay, Rio de*